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## **Iowa Teachers Earn National Board Certification**

**DES MOINES, Iowa** – The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) reports that 64 lowa teachers earned National Board Certification in 2008.

"I commend each of these Iowa teachers who dedicated many, many hours to prepare for this demanding process and also allowed a critical review of their personal work," said Iowa Department of Education Director Judy Jeffrey. "Through all of Iowa's Teacher Quality initiatives, we are helping provide outstanding teachers for every Iowa student."

National Board Certification is a voluntary process established by the NBPTS and is achieved through an assessment that takes nearly a year to complete. Through the assessment process, teachers document their subject matter knowledge, provide evidence that they know how to teach their subjects to students most effectively, and demonstrate their ability to manage and measure student learning. The assessments are based on standards developed by the NBPTS.

According to NBPTS, Iowa ranks 18<sup>th</sup> in the total number of teachers who achieved certification over time (627) and ranks 23<sup>rd</sup> nationwide in the number of new National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs).

- lowa shows a 78 percent increase in the number of teachers who achieved National Board Certification in 2008 over last year.
- Nearly one-third (32.2 percent) of the state's NBCTs teach in Title I eligible schools.\*
- The state's top five school districts in terms of the cumulative total of NBCTs are: Cedar Rapids (43), Sioux City (14), Des Moines Independent (13), Dubuque (9) and Fairfield (9).

Iowa NBCTs joined the ranks of 9,600 teachers nationwide who achieved certification in 2008. This brings the total number of teachers who achieved National Board Certification to nearly 74,000.

lowa teachers who earned National Board Certification in 2008 are:

Jennifer	Axness	Southeast Webster - Grand Comm School Dist
Patricia	Bell	Monticello Comm School District
Mark	Brase	Marion Independent School District
Dawn	Canova	Johnston Comm School District
Gretchen	Conway	Decorah Comm School District
Lisa	Crotts	Johnston Comm School District
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Shannon	Dykstra	Nora Springs-Rock Falls Comm School Distri
James	Edgeton	Fairfield Comm School District
Julie	Fitzgerald	West Des Moines Comm School District
Lizabeth	Fox	Decorah Comm School District
Sharon	Gerst	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Ruth	Harvey	Des Moines Independent Comm School Distric
Lanette	Hauser	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Jeffrey	Haverland	Dubuque Comm School District
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Deneen	Healey	Logan-Magnolia Comm School District
Arthur	Hellert	Spirit Lake Comm School District
Joleen	Henning	Ankeny Comm School District
Steven	Hester	English Valleys Comm School District
Beth	Hieronymus	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Virlena	Johnson	Fort Madison Comm School District
Rebecca	Johnson	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Lisa	Johnson	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Shelley	Klaas	Bettendorf Comm School District
Suzette	Kragenbrink	Mount Vernon Comm School District
Patricia	Kratovil	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Kelly	Kretschmar	Linn-Mar Comm School District
Stephanie	Lindmark	Pleasant Valley Comm School District
Scott	Litterer	West Delaware County Comm School District
Emily	Logan	Marion Independent School District
Elizabeth	Lorentzen	Decorah Comm School District
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Lori	Manley	Linn-Mar Comm School District

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Roxanne	Mcelroy	Clinton Comm School District
Kristine	Mcnaughton	Sioux City Comm School District
Margaret	Mnayer	Waterloo Comm School District
Judith	Mongin	Ames Comm School District
Catherine	Mrla	Sioux City Comm School District
Tracey	Murphy	Pella Comm School District
Ruben	Newell	Atlantic Comm School District
Elizabeth	Olsem	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Jennifer	Parsons	Ames Comm School District
Jennifer	Reese	Union Comm School District
Lisa	Reid	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Sandra	Reishus	West Liberty Comm School District
Dawn	Remsburg	Ames Comm School District
Carla	Riley	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Lisa	Sargent	Sioux City Comm School District
Lyndsay	Sayre	Southeast Polk Comm School District
Lynn	Selking	Wayne Comm School District
Scott	Slechta	Fairfield Comm School District
Alaina	Small	Johnston Comm School District
Brigit	Storhoff	Decorah Comm School District
Therese	Streicher	Linn-Mar Comm School District
Ann	Swenson	Norwalk Comm School District
Corrine	Swigart	Fort Madison Comm School District
Bethany	Tangen	Pella Comm School District
Christine	Tomlinson	Sioux City Comm School District
Susan	Van Woert	Cedar Rapids Comm School District
Julie	Vislisel	Mount Vernon Comm School District
Rochelle	Wilkins	Grinnell-Newburg Comm School District
Dana	Willis	Grinnell-Newburg Comm School District
Benjamin	Wolf	North Polk Comm School District
Karl	Wolf	Clinton Comm School District
Elizabeth	Wotherspoon	Fairfield Comm School District

For more information about the National Board Certification process, please visit http://www.nbpts.org.

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The lowa Department of Education works with the State of Iowa Board of Education to provide oversight, supervision and support for the state education system, which includes public elementary

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and secondary schools, nonpublic schools that receive state accreditation, area education agencies, community colleges and teacher preparation programs. The department is committed to high levels of learning, achievement and performance for all students, so they will become successful members of their community and the workforce.

NOTE from NBPTS: All NBPTS data are derived from information reported to NBPTS by National Board Certified Teachers and candidates as part of the certification process. \*This percentage is based on teachers whose schools could be identified as Title I as defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).